

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A carrier for transporting a ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank having a top portion including a valve connection, the carrier comprising:

a container of box-shaped proportions for accommodating the ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank therein, the container including a top portion having an opening therein, a bottom portion, and a plurality of side portions;

at least one wheel attached to the bottom portion of the container;

one or more handles for gripping the carrier; and

a plurality of side flaps pivotally connected to the container, wherein when the side flaps are in an open position the side flaps are substantially parallel to the respective side portions, wherein when the side flaps are moved to a closed position, the opening of the container is only partially covered, wherein the container is dimensioned such that when the portable propane tank is positioned within the container on the bottom portion thereof, the top portion of the portable propane tank extends through the partially covered opening and the valve connection is external of the container to allow access to the valve connection.

Claim 2 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, wherein the handle comprises a telescoping handle attached to one of the plurality of side portions.

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The carrier of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of levers affixed to at least one of the side flaps, wherein each of the levers is tension engaged, the levers configured to move from a first position to a second position, wherein movement from the first position to the second position secures the at least one of

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side flaps in a closed position, thereby securing the ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank within the container.

Claim 9 (Original): The carrier of claim 8, further comprising:
a plurality of dowels, wherein each dowel corresponds to one of the levers;
and

a plurality of receiving portions in the side portions, wherein each of the receiving portions is adapted to receive a corresponding dowel therein, thereby securing the associated side flap to the container.

Claim 10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, wherein the handle comprises at least one hand hole in one of the side portions of the container.

Claim 12 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, further comprising one or more strap receiving openings in one of the side portions of the container.

Claim 13 (Original): The carrier of claim 12, further comprising a strap, wherein the strap is received by one or more of the strap receiving openings.

Claim 14 (Original): The carrier of claim 1, including two wheels mounted on a frame and positioned adjacent the bottom portion of the container.

Claims 15-20 (Cancelled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A carrier for transporting a ~~pressurized cylinder~~ portable propane tank having a top portion including a valve connection, the carrier comprising:

a container of box-shaped proportions for accommodating the ~~pressurized~~
~~eylinder~~ portable propane tank therein, the container including a top portion having an
opening therein, a bottom portion, and a plurality of side portions;

~~a plurality of two~~ side flaps pivotally connected to the container, ~~said wherein~~
the two side flaps are movable from an open to a closed position and being are sized to only
partially cover the opening of the container, wherein when the two side flaps are in the open
position the two side flaps are substantially parallel to two of the plurality of side portions
that are opposite each other;

releasable engagement means on ~~said~~ each of the two side flaps;

a plurality of receiving portions in the side portions, wherein each of the
plurality of receiving portions cooperates with the releasable engagement means when ~~one~~
each of the side flaps is moved from the open to the closed position, thereby securing each of
the side flaps to the container, wherein the container is dimensioned such that when the
portable propane tank is positioned within the container on the bottom portion thereof, the top
portion of the portable propane tank extends through the partially covered opening when the
two side flaps are in the closed position, whereby the valve connection of the portable
propane tank is external of the container to allow access to the valve connection;

at least one wheel attached to the bottom portion of the container; and

a telescoping handle attached to one of the plurality of side portions.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)